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## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RALPH A. SCORDINO

Two year's ago this past October, Superstorm Sandy devastated many of Long Island's Southshore communities, including Babylon Village. While life has returned to normal for most residents, there still remain those South of Montauk Highway who have yet to be able to return to their homes. Progress has been slow for them as they contend with insurance and legal issues. I ask all residents to be patient and mindful of the long road many impacted by Sandy are still traversing and continue to support these families. On behalf of myself and all Babylon Village Trustees, I want to say a heartfelt "thank you" to the many volunteer organizations who have so selflessly aided those in need due to Sandy. You are a treasured part of our community.

Babylon Village continues to move forward with many activities and events that improve the quality of life for all our residents. As a result of various Boy Scout Eagle Projects, over 5,000 grass plugs were planted at our village pool as an erosion safeguard while the Stone Dock now enjoys a garden and new benches. In addition, our local Girl Scouts cleaned up various parks and built cedar benches at these and other venues. We continue to resurface our roadways and install new drainage throughout the Village. To date, we've used over 60,000 tons of asphalt since 2002 to resurface 26 of the 45 miles of road in our community. Our fall *S.T.O.P* program was again very successful and the new paper shredding component was a big hit that will be repeated in the future. The Chamber of Commerce presented their *Safe Trick or Treat* program throughout the business district and Vision Long Island toured our village recently to get a bird's eye view of how we successfully meld smart growth and preservation.

As the holidays quickly approach, I encourage all Babylon residents to take part in the many fun traditions our community has created over the years. The November 30th *Decorate a Light Pole* kicked off the holiday season to be followed by the annual Chamber of Commerce's **Old Fashioned Village Christmas** on **Friday, December 5**. This year, the Chamber is closing Deer Park Avenue to all vehicular traffic from Railroad Avenue south to Montauk Highway. New activities for children and adults are planned along Deer Park Avenue to add to the festivities. Come out, have fun and shop locally to support our many terrific merchants. That same night, **Christmas at the Conklin House** will delight the eyes as the doors are open for all to view the magnificent decorations that adorn each room. On **Sunday, December 7**, there will be the traditional tree lighting at Argyle Park with caroling and a visit from Santa. Following the tree lighting, plan to walk down to the Babylon Historical Society Museum (celebrating it's 40th anniversary) for their **Wassail Bowl**, and join your friends and neighbors for this traditional event that is a proven winner year after year.

Message continued...

And don't forget the **Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner** held at Babylon High School the same day, **December 7th**. It's a great event and a chance to mingle with friends old and new.

As the cold weather is upon us, please be careful when driving around our community and remember to be aware of snow removal procedures, which are listed in this newsletter. We did a terrific job of keeping our streets and walkways safe last year as we dealt with record snowfalls. Let's continue to work together to keep our roads and sidewalks safe for everyone.

As always, please keep our service men and women in your prayers and remember their families as it is so difficult for them to be without their loved ones, especially at this time of the year.

On behalf of the **Village Board - Kevin Muldowney, Anthony Davida, Debbie Basile and Carol Amelia** - I wish you peace this holiday season and send best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe 2015.



## IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE...

Trustee Carol Amelia reports that the **Babylon Historical Society**, in cooperation with the Village of Babylon, will host the **annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** at **4pm** on **Sunday, December 7** in Argyle Park. This family-oriented community event is a holiday highlight for many, especially the children as they await the arrival of Santa Claus.

Also on **December 7**, the Historical Society invites the public to the annual **Wassail Bowl** from **3-5pm** at it's museum on Main Street to relive the Victorian tradition of visiting friends and neighbors during the holiday season to exchange good wishes and to share a cup of warm mulled cider, or Wassail.



## HOLIDAY NIGHT OF SHOPPING

The **Babylon Village Chamber of Commerce** hosts its Annual **Old-Fashioned Village Christmas** from **5-9pm** on **Friday, December 5**. Our Village shops offer many fabulous treasures.

Start the holidays off by bringing your family out to enjoy this festive evening mingling with friends, shopping, listening to holiday music playing throughout the business area and to see Santa make his way down Main Street on his horse-drawn wagon. *Raindate: December 12*

## CHRISTMAS AT THE CONKLIN HOUSE

Trustee **Debbie Basile** reports that Christmas activities at the Conklin House will begin with the **Holiday Cookie Contest** on **Thursday, December 4**. Residents of all ages can submit their cookies in several categories, and distinguished community members serve as judges. To participate, please call Cindy Theiss at **587-6352** or Kathy Ruggieri at **669-2970**, or register at the Babylon Public Library.

On **Friday, December 5** from **6-9pm** come celebrate **Christmas at the Conklin House**. Visitors can tour the lovely rooms which will be beautifully decorated for the holidays by community members. Light refreshments will be served including the delicious cookies from the cookie contest.

On **Sunday, December 7** from **12-4pm**, the Conklin House will hold its annual *Picture Perfect Christmas* photo shoot. From **12-2pm** have your family portrait taken in one of our beautifully decorated rooms and from **2-4pm** have a picture taken with Santa. Photos will be taken by professional photographer Vicky Jauron of Babylon and Beyond Photography and Tess Helfman, but appointment times go fast, so book early by calling the Conklin House at **669-9164**.





## CONKLIN HOUSE NEWS

**Trustee Debbie Basile** reports the Conklin House Steering Committee was informed by the Nathaniel Conklin Selection Committee that this year's *Nathaniel Conklin House Award for Volunteerism* is being awarded to Theresa Santmann. As a member of the Pilot Club, Theresa is active on both the fundraising and project committees. The "Start School Right" program is one such project, providing backpacks, school supplies and gift cards for clothing to youngsters in need each September. She's been involved with the Babylon Council on the Arts and has worked on Spring Art Festivals at Town Hall in recent years. A project of special interest to Theresa is "Splashes of Hope", which provides artwork to institutions such as hospitals and jails in hopes of changing these clinical atmospheres to cheerful, positive ones. Presentation of the award is scheduled for January 2015 at the Conklin House.

A variety of cultural events are in the planning stages at the Conklin House for 2015, including an afternoon tea in February; a one-woman art show featuring the work of Karen Herzy; a food tasting and the BVAC children's art workshops, among others. Please watch *The Beacon* for full details on these and other upcoming events. If you'd like to be notified of upcoming events/programs, call the Conklin House at 631-669-8164 and leave your name and email address or email us at [conklinhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:conklinhouse@yahoo.com). Volunteer opportunities are available, from docents giving tours to help with our many special events. If you are interested, please call 631-669-8164. The Conklin House has always been fortunate to have many wonderful volunteers; we couldn't operate without them. Please consider joining us.

*Donations of old jeans and shirts for making scarecrows at the annual Arts & Apples Festival are most appreciated and accepted throughout the year. Please call 631-669-8164 to donate.*



## 2014 Tuna Tournament Recap

The 2014 Babylon Tuna Club Tournament

was a record success both off shore and on the dock!

Over 28 boats participated and the weather was picture perfect. It was an exciting time at the dock with great bands, great food and some great big fish.

Tournaments results are as follows:

### Overboard Boats:

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| 1st Place | Andrew Fatcher | Laura G   | 117 lb. Tuna      |
| 2nd Place | Steve Hamrahan | Laura G   | 69 lb. Tuna       |
| 3rd Place | Jim Flynn      | Big Daddy | 14.4lb. Mahi Mahi |

### Shark Category

|           |                 |           |               |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1st Place | Don Olerich Jr. | Eggaholic | 178 lb. Shark |
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### Day Boats

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| 1st Place | Mike Raymond | Flying Fish | 170 lb. Tuna |
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### Inshore

|           |            |                |                       |
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| 1st Place | Joe Lirosi | Slayin & Layin | 4.95 lb. Fluke        |
| 1st Place | Roger Dean | Top Gun        | 51.9 lb. Striped Bass |

## How About That Snapper Derby?



The Babylon Tuna Club held their annual Snapper Derby on August 23, 2014 and there wasn't an open spot on the dock! Over 120 snappers were caught and many bicycles and other great prizes won. All the kids left with smiles on their faces!!



## VILLAGE GOLF COURSE NEWS

**Trustee Kevin Muldowny** reports another busy October at the E. Donald Conroy Golf Course. On October 18th, the course held its eleventh annual *Village Cup Tournament*. Forty golfers, representing twenty village organizations competed for the trophy. At the end of the day, the E. Donald Conroy GC Men's League team of Pete Cirasole and Dan Drance came out with the victory, with a combined score of 62. The Retired Babylon Teachers group, represented by Warren Light and Don Bartsch finished a close second with a combined score of 64.

The men's and women's leagues held their respective tournaments in the fall, with Steve Neary achieving another men's championship with a score of 60 with Greg Walsh finishing second with a score of 62. Mary Alice Markham took the women's trophy with a score of 62 with Donna Falconer finishing second with a score of 66. Anyone interested in any of the clubs tournaments or leagues can call the course at **669-2340** to get more information.

The Village course will remain open, weather permitting, through December. Gift certificates are available now for the holidays. Stop by and take advantage of the "winter special" going on now: play 18 holes for the price of 9!



*Pictured left to right: Mayor Ralph Scordino, Peter Cirasole, Dan Drance, Deputy Mayor Kevin Muldowney*  
*Photo courtesy of Babylon Beacon/J.D. Allen*



## GOLF GIFT CERTIFICATES: The Perfect Stocking Stuffer!

Available for purchase at the golf course or Village Clerk's Office.



## ATTENTION SENIORS...

### Tax Exemption News

The maximum income to qualify for a Senior Citizen Exemption has been increased to \$30,000. If you had an exemption in 2014, you should have already received your renewal application. If you did not have an exemption in 2014, you can download the application at the bottom of the page on our website, come into the Village Clerk's Office to pick one up, or call and we will mail one to you. All applications for any exemption must be received in the Office of the Village Clerk no later than December 30th.



## HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON



The Babylon Fire Department reminds us to follow these holiday safety tips:

1. Always use candles with care. Never leave lit candles, fireplaces or stoves unattended.
2. If displaying a fresh Christmas tree, remember to keep it watered daily. Do not leave a lit tree unattended.
3. Inspect decorative lights for frayed or damaged wires.
4. Follow the instruction manual when installing smoke or carbon monoxide detectors. It is recommended to replace batteries in these devices twice a year or when clocks are changed forward or back.

Other winter safety tips to keep in mind are:

- **Make sure your house number is visible in the dark.** This is imperative for your safety in the event rescue or fire personnel need to find your location at night.
- Keep hydrants close to your home clear of debris and snow.
- Keep emergency phone numbers near your phone. Stickers can be obtained from the Chief's office after 7 PM.

The Officers and members of the Babylon Fire Department wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday!



### AS APPROACHES, PLEASE REMEMBER...



- Residents are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalks at their homes.
- All parked vehicles must be moved from the streets in all residential and business areas to enable snow plows to safely do their job. **Vehicle removal is the responsibility of the resident.**
- Businesses are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalks in front of their stores within 24 hours. This is important for the safety of customers and employees.



### DOCKING NEWS

**T**rustee Kevin Muldowney reports that restoration work began this past November on the famous "Stone Dock" on Shore Road. It is on the bend of Shore Road and has been in need of repair for many years. Due to its deep water location, the dock was used as a staging area for barges that were making deliveries to Fire Island. It is one of our village landmarks.

Boaters are reminded that **all boats in Village berths are to be out of the water by December 1** and all lines removed from the poles, so as not to hinder the Village's ice breaking program during the winter months. Winter boat berths, are still available in Argyle Basin and on Shore Road. It is an economical alternative to pulling your boat out of the water for the winter months. This program is also open to non-village residents, as well. If interested, please call the Village Clerk's office at **669-1500**.

### Shredding by the numbers...

The paper shredding component added to this past October's S.T.O.P. Program was a real success in terms of convenience for residents and impact on the environment. Take a look at the difference our 7,800 lbs. of personal papers made:

#### Saved:

66 Trees  
7.8 Barrels of Oil  
15,990 Kilowatts of Electricity

#### Eliminated:

12.48 Cubic Yards of Landfill  
234 lbs. of particulate air pollution

## New Village Tennis Courts

**Trustee Carol Amelia** reports that the Village of Babylon has recently unveiled six brand new tennis courts located on the north and south side of Park Avenue, just west of N. Carll Avenue. The courts replace the existing one which were deemed irreparable and thus demolished. Costs of the new courts were significantly reduced thanks to our Village Highway Department performing much of the work that would normally have been contracted out.

The new courts are modeled after the blue and green U.S. Open courts and include junior and senior quick start lines that provide smaller playing areas for anyone playing with quick start low-pressure tennis balls.

Sincere appreciation to David and Joanne Catalano for their generous donation that helped create these six new courts for our Village residents.



### COMING YOUR WAY ...

Watch your mail in late December for your **2015 SANITATION PICK-UP CALENDAR**

## SUMMER JOBS APPLICATIONS

Starting February 17th, the Village will be accepting applications for summer employment. Employment opportunities are available at the

Village Pool, Parks and Recreation Department, the Highway Department and clerical positions in Village Hall. Applicants should be at least 16 years old. Applications will be accepted for residents 15 years old for use only if additional students are needed. For more information, call the Mayor's Office at **669-1212**.

## Babylon Village CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| December 4   | Cookie Contest at the Conklin House                           |
| December 5   | Chamber of Commerce Old Fashioned Village Christmas           |
| December 5   | Christmas at the Conklin House Tour                           |
| December 7   | Conklin House Perfect Christmas Family Photos 12 - 2 2pm      |
|              | Conklin House Perfect Christmas Pictures with Santa, 2 - 4 PM |
| December 7   | Christmas Tree Lighting 4:00 PM                               |
| December 7   | Wassail Bowl at Historical Society, 3-5 PM                    |
| December 7   | Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner                                    |
| December 25* | Christmas Holiday Observed ( <i>Village Hall closed</i> )     |
| December 31  | Last date to file Veterans and Senior Exemptions              |
| January 1*   | New Year's Holiday Observed ( <i>Village Hall closed</i> )    |
| January 19*  | Martin Luther King's Birthday ( <i>Village Hall closed</i> )  |
| February 16* | Presidents' Day ( <i>Village Hall closed</i> )                |
| April 3      | Good Friday ( <i>Village Hall closes at 12:00 noon</i> )      |

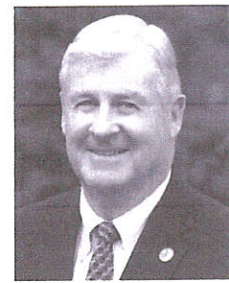
#### \* **NO garbage, rubbish or recycling pick-up on holidays.**

When rubbish or recycling collection falls on a holiday, please do not put items out for pick-up until your regular scheduled rubbish/recycling day the following week. If you have questions, please call **669-4878**, Monday to Friday, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM.





Mayor Ralph A. Scordino



Trustee Kevin Muldowney



Trustee Carol Amelia



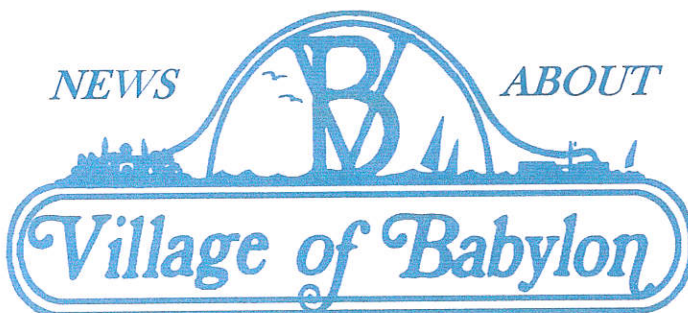
Trustee Anthony Davida



Trustee Debbie Basile



Justice John Rafter



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**Village Hall Hours:** Monday through Friday 9 AM - 5 PM  
**Highway & Sanitation Hours:** Monday through Friday 7 AM - 4 PM  
[www.villageofbabylonny.gov](http://www.villageofbabylonny.gov)

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| 669-1212 | Mayor's Office     | 669-4878 | Sanitation Dept.      |
| 669-1500 | Village Clerk      | 587-6270 | Treasurer             |
| 669-1500 | Receiver of Taxes  | 669-1771 | Village Justice       |
| 669-1523 | Registrar          | 669-1756 | Historical Society    |
| 669-1300 | Building Inspector | 587-7707 | Village Pool (Summer) |
| 669-1300 | Assessor           | 669-2340 | Golf Course           |
| 669-4878 | Highway Dept.      | 669-8164 | Conklin House         |
| 669-4878 | Parks Dept.        |          |                       |

Police .....911  
Fire & Rescue ..... 911 or 226-1212

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